



A Peek at USDA Farm Service Agency Happenings in May

Important Dates to Remember

June 15 - Nominations Open for COC Election

Notice of Loss - 15 calendar days following disaster

July 16 - Acreage Reporting Deadline

August 1 - Deadline for reconstitutions

August 3 - Signature deadline on 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP)

October 2 & 3 - Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture, Beaverhead Golf Course, Dillon

2007 Acreage Reports

All acreage reports need to be accurate and filed by the final reporting date of **July 16, 2007**. Certification is mandatory if any of the following apply:

- .. You receive DCP payments
 - .. You have acres enrolled in CRP
 - .. Loans or LDP's will be requested; including Wool, Mohair and Honey
(All cropland on the farm must be certified to be eligible for DCP and loan program benefits).
 - .. Acreage is covered by NAP
- Failure to report accurately may result in loss of program and price support benefits.

COC Election Approaching

Beginning June 15, 2007 nominations are being accepted for candidates for County Committee positions (COC). Check with your FSA office for the position open in your area.

Responsibilities for CRP Contract Holders

CRP contract holders have certain responsibilities for carrying out the terms and conditions of the CRP contract. Those include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Control all weeds, insects, pests and other undesirable species to the extent necessary to ensure that the establishment and maintenance of the approved cover is adequately protected and there is no adverse impact on surrounding land.
- ◆ Establish and maintain the required vegetative or water cover and other required practices.
- ◆ No activity may be conducted on CRP acres without authorization.
- ◆ Prior approval must be received from FSA before any harvesting, grazing or other commercial use of the forage may begin.
- ◆ If land with a CRP contract is sold, the new owners should notify the local county FSA office if they want to continue the contract.

If the land is sold and the new owner does not wish to continue the CRP contract, you will be required to repay all payments received on the contract plus interest and liquidated damages. Liquidated damages are equal to 25 percent of the annual rental payment on those acres not contracted by the new owner.

NOTE: There are two primary nesting dates

May 15 - July 15 FSA State Committee established Primary Nesting Season for CRP

May 15 - August 1 Primary Nesting Season for CRP contracts affected by the National Wildlife Federations settlement agreement with FSA